

Docket No.: 1405.1029/JDH

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

*Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231*

Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND the claims as follows:

Claim 4, lines 1 and 2, change "any of claims 1 to 3" to --claim 1--.

Claim 6, lines 1 and 2, change "either claim 4 or 5" to --claim 1--.

Claim 7, lines 1 and 2, change "claim 4 or 5" to --claim 1--.

Claim 8, lines 1 and 2, change "claim 4 or claim 5" to --claim 1--.

Claim 9, lines 1 and 2, change "any of claims 1 to 8" to --claim 1--.

Claim 12, lines 1 and 2, change "any of claims 9 to 11" to --claim 1--

Claim 13, lines 1 and 2, change "any of claims 9 to 12" to --claim 1--.